

GORDON VICTIM OF CONSPIRACY?

Friends Discuss Howard
University Troubles

SAY INJUSTICE WAS DONE

Need of Congressional Investigation
at Colored Institution
Asserted.

The action which the board of trustees of Howard University will take next Thursday on the resignation of Dr. John Gordon, president of the university for the past two years, is awaited with keen interest by nearly everyone connected with the institution.

There is a feeling manifested in many quarters that it would be a great injustice to let Dr. Gordon go at this time of the year merely because he is "persona non grata" to some of the deans under him and a small percentage of the students.

There are others, however, who do not hesitate to declare that the entire matter which brought about Dr. Gordon's sudden resignation is nothing more nor less than "a put up job" for the very purpose of getting him out to make room for some ambitious man who would like to get into his shoes.

"The affairs of Howard University need nothing short of a Congressional investigation," said one who is in close touch with the university affairs.

Mere Subterfuges.

"Of course," he continued, "no one wishes to be quoted on this matter just now, but it is well known that the charges made against Dr. Gordon that he was incompetent and no friend of the colored man, are absolute subterfuges to hide petty jealousies."

"Dr. Gordon is a brilliant man, and graduate of a number of universities, and two theological seminaries. He is also from birth and inheritance a friend of the colored race, his father, Alexander Gordon, of Pittsburg, Pa., having been one of the most active of abolitionists."

"I venture to say that for many years past all the trouble at Howard University among the students was simply due to the same source. It reminds me of the anarchists trying to get rid of

INSTITUTION WHOSE PRESIDENT RESIGNED AFTER INSULTS



HOWARD UNIVERSITY.

rulers—as soon as one is out of the way, the ruler who succeeds is made a new target."

Case in Hands of Trustees.

Dr. Gordon himself declined to make a statement, further than to say he leaves his case in the hands of the university trustees. Of the four collegiate deans, who, with the president of the university, constitute what is called the "united faculty," two were seen by a reporter of The Times, but they begged to be excused from making any statement. It is said that it was their action, or rather "lack of action," that precipitated Dr. Gordon's resignation.

During chapel service one day last week ninety or one hundred students, out of a body of 400 to 500, created a disturbance by hooting and giving cat calls. This was considered a personal affront to the president, who was officiating at the time, and he is said to have demanded that the collegiate deans suspend the entire crowd of disturbers.

Instead of carrying out his instructions, they are said to have meted out simple "reprimands," whereupon Dr. Gordon at once put his resignation in the hands of his own brother-in-law, Dr. Thomas S. Hamlin, president of the board of trustees.

United Only Among Themselves.

The deans, who are supposed to constitute, with the president, a "united faculty," but are said to be now "united" only among themselves, are Prof. F. W. Fairfield, of the college, and Prof. G. W. Cummings, of the preparatory department, who are both white, and Prof. L. A. Moore, of the teachers', and Prof. G. W. Cook, of the commercial departments, who are both colored.

Dr. Furman J. Shadd, professor of materia medica and therapeutics, and secretary and treasurer of the medical school, who has been connected with the university for thirty years, in discussing Dr. Gordon's resignation said: "I am not in sympathy with insub-

ordinate students even if they are of my race. I believe in upholding the dignity of the university, and when I was called upon by the committee of seven trustees, appointed last spring to investigate conditions throughout the university, I told them this.

Still at Work.

"They are still at work and will perhaps report before long. There has been disorder and occasional open rebellion on 'that hill' for over two years. Former President Rankin's resignation came after one of these upheavals."

"I am criticised for not siding with Dr. Gordon's opponents in this disagreeable affair, but it is none of my business. Our department is not involved. All I can say is that Dr. Gordon has shown more interest in our medical department than any president we ever had."

When asked if he had heard the story that the rebellions on the hill were incited by a former colored agent of the

JUSTICE BREWER AIDS DEPENDENT CHILDREN

He Will Speak at Mass Meeting To-
night on Juvenile Court—Other
Able Orators.

Justice David J. Brewer, of the Supreme Court, will preside this evening at a mass meeting in the interest of dependent children, at which addresses will be made by Senator Patterson of Colorado, Representative L. T. Livingston of Georgia and Crawford Jackson of Atlanta.

Mr. Jackson is chairman of a committee recently appointed to draft plans for handling the question under consideration.

The meeting this evening will be held at the Metropolitan Methodist Church, beginning at 8 o'clock. The subject of juvenile courts and juvenile court laws will be discussed. Plans for the enactment of such laws, wherever needed throughout the country, were recently taken up by the Central Juvenile Reformatory Committee.

These plans provide for an institution in the South, with a number of cottages for the protection and proper training of unfortunate children of both races and sexes, sufficiently removed from each other.

university who had collected funds for the institution on the basis that one-third was to be his and who was later discharged, as it was decided that Dr. Gordon could collect the money himself at less expense to the university.

"You had better wait until the investigation committee gets through with their probing."

This agent story, however, was corroborated by another person whose name is withheld by request.

"This colored man," he declared, "was the prime mover in getting up the petition and is the prime disturber of the peace of the university. He has been going to the lunchrooms there disseminating discord merely because he feels aggrieved at Dr. Gordon because the president now collects whatever funds he sees fit to instead of leaving it to him on the very liberal commission basis of 33-1-3 per cent."

Investigating Committee.

The seven trustees who are on the committee investigating conditions of Howard University are: Edward M. Gailaudet, L. L. D., chairman; Rev. Dr. Frank J. Grimké, Hon. Brainerd H. Warner, James H. Meriwether, Judge Job Barnard, Hon. Stanton J. Feele,

PRESIDENTIAL TIMBER FOR ENGINEERS' SOCIETY

Admiral Rae, Commissioner Biddle, and
Bernard Green Possible Candi-
dates—Organization Growing.

Considerable interest is being manifested by the 200 or more members of the new association known as the Washington Society of Engineers over the election of officers, which will be held the day after tomorrow at Hubbard Memorial Hall.

Among the "presidential possibilities" most talked of are Admiral C. W. Rae, chief of engineers of the navy; Major John Biddle, Engineer Commissioner, and Bernard R. Green. The following have been appointed on the nominating committee, which will conduct the election: F. H. Newell, chairman; W. C. Allen, E. C. Eckel, F. B. Kling, Com. A. B. Canaga, and Lieut. E. J. Deut.

Acting Secretary L. D. Bliss stated last night that the enrollment of the society which started November 2, was 125 members, is steadily and rapidly increasing and now includes many of the most prominent Washington civil, electrical, mechanical, and mining engineers. While many of them belong to the Geological Survey, the corps of the War and Navy departments, the Coast Survey, or the District engineering staff, there are now a number who are not in the Government service.

and Judge Thomas H. Anderson. Among the important charges in the petition made against Dr. Gordon and which this distinguished board, it is said, will have to consider is whether or not Dr. Gordon in his conversation on one occasion used the word "nigger" or "niggers" in casually speaking of some of the colored students. One of Dr. Gordon's friends denied positively last night that Dr. Gordon ever made the remark, but said if he had it would only be because he might have heard it so often that he did it unawares.

TROOPS ARE SENT TO QUELL RACE WAR

BUDAPEST, Dec. 15.—The government has sent three companies of troops to the southern provinces of Hungary to suppress uprisings by the Roumanians. The agitation against the Hungarians is based on race hatred, and is carried on particularly by priests and school teachers.

KEEP THE FIDDLE GOIN'
Though we strike, in winter,
Many a frozen storm,
We keep the fiddle goin',
An' dancin' keeps us warm."
—Atlanta Constitution.

ANOTHER ARRESTED FOR NAFTAL DEATH

Howard Morris Locked Up
As Accessory.

POLICE HINT AT CONFESSION

Detective Said Perdoni Owned Up as
Pair Was Leaving Station
for Prison.

ASBURY PARK, N. J., Dec. 15.—Frank Perdoni, the Italian fruit vender, was committed to jail this afternoon by direction of the prosecutor, charged with the murder of Mrs. Morris Naftal, who, as the commitment states, he first chloroformed and then snatched to death.

Howard Morris, son of William H. Morris, a well-known Asbury Park bill poster and theatrical manager, was also committed as an accessory before the fact. Morris is charged with a guilty knowledge of the plot to rob Mrs. Naftal which he failed to disclose to the police.

May Have Profited.

It is also claimed that he was interested in the profits, although this claim is not admitted by the detectives. The prisoners, handcuffed to two county detectives, were escorted to the station followed by an immense throng. Joseph Vet, who attempted to talk to Perdoni at the station, was struck down by County Detective Rue. Yet slunk away in the crowd and disappeared. The prisoners were hissed by the bystanders.

Confession Rumored.

It was stated by one of the detectives that Perdoni, after an all-day experience with the third degree, had broken down and made a partial confession.

NEWPORT TAILOR FACES SERIOUS CHARGE

NEWPORT, R. I., Dec. 15.—Marshal William Kihl, of Princeton, N. J., arrived here today with the necessary papers to take back with him Charles J. Speedwell, who runs a tailoring establishment in Newport. Speedwell resided in Princeton at the time and was there charged with larceny and indicted by the grand jury, but jumped his bail.

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Perfumery in all odors, from the leading makers; your favorite is here; in dainty and pretty boxes; at lowest prices, from \$3.75 to \$10c for Houbigant's "Ideal," to as low as 10c.

Men's Lounging and Bath Robes; beautiful patterns and all high qualities; no better gift for a man; special prices, \$12.98, \$9.98, \$6.98, \$5.50, \$5.98, \$4.98, and 3.98.

Men's Silk Mufflers, in many up-to-date styles and kinds; both plain and fancy; special prices, \$1.98, \$1.50, \$1.89c, and 50c.

Men's and Women's Nice Quality Umbrellas; the most serviceable gift; many styles and kinds; special prices, from \$1.00 to as low as 50c.

The famous "Onyx" Black Cotton Hose for Women; put up 3 pairs in a box; a most tasteful gift; special price for \$1.00 the box.

Women's Gold Military Belts, the most popular Belt of the season; each in a neat gift box; special at \$1.50, 98c, 50c, and 25c.

Linens Show Good Taste of the Giver

The height of usefulness in the gift is reached in the table linens, for what housekeeper would not appreciate such a remembrance? In this department you'll find the greatest variety, including bleached, silver bleached, and mercerized Scotch, German, and Irish table damask in all widths; lunch cloths, dinner napkins, and doilies, ready-for-use table cloths, covers, and complete table sets of covers, napkins, &c. These for special mention:

Handsome table cloths in red, white, and green effects; 8-4 size, oil boiled and fully guaranteed for wear; fringed all around; we will place in handsome box if you wish; the value is \$1.98; we've reduced them to 1.49.

Bleached all-linen Hemstitched Table Covers that will make splendid presents; they are warranted all linen; 81 inches long, 60 inches wide; in a pretty gift box; positively sold at \$2.98; now reduced to 1.98.

Here's the gift any woman would appreciate. Handsome Table Sets, including large Table Cover and 12 Napkins; they are every thread pure German linen; the cloth is 82x58 (large enough for a 6-foot table); the napkins are 17 inches square, nicely hemstitched; the value is positively \$6 for the set. For Monday you can buy them at 4.98.

The Holiday Line of Gifts in Footwear

And what better and more appreciated than a gift that means foot-comfort? Read these—

Men's and Women's Turkish Toweling Bath Slippers, in pretty new colorings; regular price \$2.00; for Monday, 39c.

Women's soft and easy Waxed Slippers; lamb's wool soles; pretty color combinations; sell at 98c; for Monday, 69c.

Misses' and Children's Felt Slippers with leather soles; red and black; sizes 11 to 2-8; sizes 8 1/2 to 10 1/2; for Monday, 89c.

Women's extra nice quality Felt Slippers, with leather soles; red and black; for Monday at 1.24.

Women's extra good quality well-made Felt Slippers, with flexible leather soles; red and black; for Monday at 98c.

Men's good quality and very serviceable Slippers, in tan and black kid; opera and Everett styles; tan, black, and brown; for Monday, 1.25.

Women's dainty and pretty Boudoir Slippers, in softest kid; red, tan, and black; large silk pom-poms; value is 75c; for Monday, 49c.

A special purchase of Children's and Infants' Shoes, made by a maker of highest grade goods; button and lace; soft sole kid with patent tips; flexible soles; with and without spring heels; sizes 4 to 8-9; sizes 2 1/2 to 6; for Monday, 49c.

Men's Finest Slippers, in tan and black goatskin; Romeos, opera, and Everett styles; flexible leather soles; for Monday at 1.50.

An Unequaled Variety of Toys And Big Price Reductions for Tomorrow

There's good reason for the fact that this charming Toy Department is crowded with eager buyers every moment of the day. Note these prices—

10c Games, all kinds..... 5c	25c Blocks..... 14c	\$1 Oxidized Toy Ranges..... 89c
25c Drums..... 14c	98c Trains on Tracks..... 69c	50c Sets of Soldiers..... 39c
25c Tool Chests..... 15c	\$1.25 Tool Chests..... 98c	Famous Friction Toys; many kinds..... 49c
25c Folding Enamel Doll Beds..... 17c	25c Toy Trunks..... 19c	Best Friction Toys..... 98c
25c Sets of Soldiers..... 19c	29c Oxidized Stoves..... 21c	\$1 Dressed Doll Beds..... 89c
75c Sets of Pewter Dishes..... 49c	98c Drums..... 79c	\$1 Air Rifles..... 59c
60c 8-key Pianos..... 47c	70c Tool Chests..... 49c	\$2.98 Roll-top Desks..... 1.98
\$1 12-key Pianos..... 79c	\$1.50 Magic Lanterns..... 98c	\$1.50 Toy Trunks..... 98c
	30c Books; all kinds..... 23c	

Pick the Gift From These

The popular "ad. Postal Card Albums, in various styles; priced at 98c and..... 50c.

Women's Fine Hosiery, in neat gift boxes; many styles and kinds, from black and white to colored; silk and cotton; priced from 25c down to 15c.

A big gift special—100 dozen Men's Wide Four-in-hand Silk Ties; the value is positively \$60; reduced to 25c.

Men's Canees, beautifully silver mounted in partridge, penning, hickory, and pimento woods; crooked and straight. Special prices \$1.50, \$2.50, \$1.25, and 1.00.

An almost endless variety of Leather Goods—Silk Opera Bags, Jewelry, Opera Glasses, Watches, &c.—at all prices.

Women's Fancy Silk Garters, mounted with heavy buckles; all colors. Special prices, 25c, 50c, 75c, and 1.00.

Men's good quality Gloves in all styles and kinds; priced from \$2.00 down to 1.00.

Women's newest and smartest Neckwear, in all styles; each in a box; priced from \$5.98 down to as low as 2.50.

Women's and Children's Handkerchiefs by the millions; boxed if you wish. Prices range from \$1.50 to 50c.

Extra Bargains For Monday

White Ruffled Swiss Bureau and Washstand Scarfs; also Arab Net Scarfs; sold at 25c; reduced to 12 1/2c.

Beautiful subjects in Lithographed Pillow Tops; many styles; sold at 25c; now 19c.

White Applique Bureau Scarfs and Shams; various pretty styles; sold at 49c; reduced to 25c.

Lot of fine quality Mercerized Lambrequins, in a large variety; value is 55c; reduced to 49c.

Pretty Roman Striped Couch Covers that regularly sell at 90c; now reduced to 69c.

Handsome Silk Lambrequins in various styles; sold up to \$2.39; now reduced to 1.49.

Reducing Prices on Good Bedwear

Good quality White Blankets, with pretty colored borders; sell at 89c pair..... 49c.

White and Gray Blankets, with colored borders; sold usually at 98c pair..... 59c.

Heavy II-4 White Wool Blankets; colored borders; fine grade; value, \$5.00..... 3.98.

Extra Heavy Plaid Blankets; black and red, black and white; 10-4 size; sell at \$4.00 us..... 2.98.

Silkoline-covered Comforts; various colors; good quality; filling; reduced to..... 98c.

Fine Satine and Silkoline Covered Comforts that sell at \$2 usually..... 1.69.

Get the Christmas Candies Here

Headley's De-Light Chocolate, lb. 25c
Headley's De-Light Chocolates, 1/2-lb. 15c
Headley's Maple Walnuts..... 87c
Headley's Nut Chips..... 87c
Headley's Chocolate Creams..... 42c
Fine French Bonbons, lb. 124c
French Gum Drops, lb. 124c
Best Mixture (including Chocolates)..... 124c
Best Mixed Nuts, lb. 124c
Fancy Figs; 25c baskets..... 19c
Fancy Figs; 25c baskets..... 19c
Best Washed Figs..... 87c
Fancy Washed Figs; large box..... 25c
Best Selected Dates, lb. 75c
Extra Selected Dates, lb. 87c

Give the Girl a Stylish Coat

Lot of Girls' High-grade Coats, all finely tailored and very stylish; 6 to 16 years; never sold under \$15; now reduced to..... \$10.

Girls' Stylish and Good Quality Coats, in excellent quality cloth; we've been selling them at \$15; now reduced to..... \$5.95.

Girls' Colored Cloth Coats; lined throughout and cape; nicely trimmed; sizes 10 to 14 years; good quality and very serviceable; made; tomorrow..... 1.98.

Another lot of these up-to-date Bearskin Coats, white and colored; just enough for a day's selling; gray, green, red, and white; sizes 1 to 4 years. Get..... 2.98.

Lot of Infants' Good Quality Sweaters, in sizes 1 to 4 years; fine wool, and perfectly made; one tomorrow at..... 98c.

An Attractive Sale of Knit Garments

The section devoted to Knit Goods (second floor) is proving one of the most popular in the store. For Monday the following special offerings have been arranged:

Infants' Fine Wool Sweaters; in plain white and with colored borders; soft and fine materials; sizes 6 months to 4 years. For Monday sale at..... 98c.

Children's nicely made and good quality Knitted Toggles; best materials throughout. For Monday, reduced to..... 25c.

Children's excellent quality Knitted Leggings; best white wool; in all sizes. For Monday, reduced to..... 69c.

Simply Say "Charge It." We'll Do the Rest.

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513-515-517 Seventh Street

Gift Suggestions

The renowned "Buster Brown" Hose for boys and girls; they are black ribbed and guaranteed to stand hardest wear; as every person knows, the standard price is 25c; we've 100 dozen to sell at 15c.

Men's Fine Imported Fancy Half Hose; not a pair in the lot sold under 25c, some for double that; we have made a magnetic special of them at 3 pairs for 50c; per pair..... 18c.

A Christmas Fancy Combination Box, containing one pair handsome suspenders, one pair Brighton Garters, and one pair arm bands; special for the box..... 59c.

Men's Fine Quality and Beautiful Gift Suspenders; each pair in a fancy box; just the right gift for HIM; special at..... 50c.

100 Beautiful Silver Toilet Sets, consisting of Comb, Brush, and Mirror; the value is \$10; now reduced to..... \$6.50.

Men's Smoking Jackets and House Coats, in many handsome styles; just what HE expects you to get him; prices \$6.50, \$5.98, \$5, and..... \$4.50.

Now for the Furs—An Ideal Gift

Smooth and lustrous Neck Scarfs of good quality Isabella and sable marten; large clusters of tails; the value is positively \$6.98. A leader at..... \$2.98.

Long and handsome Boas of rich and fine marten; made with silk ornaments; 50 inches long; clusters of tails; selling at \$12.98..... \$7.98.

Large Pillow Muffs, made of fine electric seal, Isabella, and sable marten; full lined with satin; the value \$12.98; reduced to..... \$7.98.

Rich and Stylish Scarfs, made of Isabella, sable, and black marten; large clusters of tails; sold regularly at \$9.98; a large reduction to..... \$6.98.

Nice quality and very handsome 72-inch Neck Scarfs, in Isabella and sable marten; lined with best satin; sold regularly at \$20; reduced to..... \$12.98.

We've Bought the Sample Lines of Fisk, Clark & Flagg's Fine Neckwear

We have succeeded in buying the high-grade sample lines of Women's Fine Neckwear from the celebrated firm of Fisk, Clark & Flagg, and they will be placed on sale tomorrow. They consist of every style and kind of stock made by this firm, embracing the smartest and most modish effects ever shown. The prices at which this fine neckwear sells the country over are from 50c to \$2.25. We have priced it at just half! From \$1 to as low as..... 25c.

A Snap in Highest Grade Handkerchiefs

We have just received 500 dozen exquisite Swiss embroidered and Hemstitched Border Handkerchiefs, from one of the largest New York importers; each one is on a sample card. It's the best chance to buy fine handkerchiefs ever afforded the women of Washington; values 25c to 50c. All to go at..... 12 1/2c.

The Holiday Grocery Needs

Golden's Fine Hams..... 12 1/2c	Best Mince Meat, qt..... 19c
Whitfield's Shoulder Hams..... 87c	Cranberry Sauce, qt..... 19c
Sweet Florida Oranges..... 19c	New Currants..... 87c
Challenge Condensed Milk..... 6 1/2c	Seeded Raisins..... 9 1/2c
	Finest Table Raisins..... 19c